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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Grand Agricultural Center of West Michigan project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kent County Youth Agricultural Association located at P.O. Box 288, Lowell, MI 49331. The funding would be used to repurpose a 140-acre vacant, deteriorating golf course into an agribusiness and STEM Learning center focusing on education and equestrian competition, and agricultural events. This project will benefit low- and moderate-income persons through hands on experiences and programming to develop career interests and workforce skills. The site plan includes a sanitary lagoon and an animal housing barn.

This request is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides significant benefits to the community, including developing leadership and career skills for youth, serving low-income individuals, creating a significant anchor for tourism, education, and agriculture, and preserving natural habitat while creating public amenities.

The project has a Federal Nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



JOHN MOOLENAAR
Member of Congress